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Agricultural and Mechanical College,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT:

General S. D. LEE, President.

Agricultural College, Miss., March 22/97. 189

TO THE FACULTY,

Miss. A. & M. College.

Gentlemen:-

I have the honor to lay before you three cases of discipline. The one of Mr. C. Fox, of the Senior Class, for publishing an article in the February Reflector, criticising the President and the College authorities in a severe and condemnatory manner, in violation of paragraph #145 of the College Regulations (see page 3 of the Reflector). Also that of Mr. N. C. Williamson, of the Senior Class, for violation of paragraph #145 of the College Regulations (see page 17 of the Reflector). I have frequently, several times nearly every year, criticised a tendency on the part of those who wrote in the Reflector, and warning them against such a tendency, but to no effect, and now I feel that the time has come when the Faculty should take some decisive stand in order to put a stop to it. Certain members of the present Senior Class, and in fact, I may say the Senior Class itself, seems to think that it is their special prerogative to criticise the President and the authorities of the College, assuming that they are competent to lecture the President in the performance of the duties to which he has been assigned by the Board of Trustees. Recently the President had occasion in an aggravated case to punish Mr. McClellan, of the Senior Class, for disorderly conduct. A committee from this class waited upon the President,

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and expostulated with him as to his action and volunteered their advice as to the construction of Mr. McClellan's excuse, and in the interview it developed that Mr. McClellan did not write his excuse, the temper of which the President criticised, but that Mr. Fox had written it for him, and if there was any blame attached, it belonged to him.

I remind the Faculty also that in some trouble which the President had with a member of the Faculty, and entirely within the province of his duty and that of the Board of Trustees, that the entire Senior Class held a meeting, and passed resolutions condemnatory, indirectly, of the President's conduct towards that professor (Dr. Butler). In the entire history of the College, this is the first instance of a class assuming in its wisdom to take action as to the President's duties and conduct. I feel that the time has come when this class, and the individual members now liable, should be brought to their senses, and be disciplined for such conduct. At the time the President had this trouble with Dr. Butler, he expressed himself freely, and pointed out to them where they had violated the Regulations (paragraph #147). *and which offense I mentioned* This recent conduct on the part of Mr. Williamson and Mr. Fox shows that these gentlemen were not reached by the action of the President *then*.

The other case of discipline is that of Mr. V. M. Carothers, of the Sophomore Class, for "jacking" on his examination in geometry.

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As this whole matter of the Senior Class seems to be a strike at
the President and his management, he deems it best not to preside over
the meeting of the Faculty, having charge of the case.

Yours truly,

S. D. Lee

President.

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